

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) A composition of matter as in claim 13 wherein the peptide is consisting of a peptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claims 2-10 (previously cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled)

12. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising a peptide consisting of at least the first five amino acids from the N-terminal of SEQ ID NO: 2 and no more than 25 amino acids total.

13. A composition of matter as in claim 12 wherein the peptide contains no more than 15 amino acids total.

14. (Twice Amended) A composition of matter as in claim 13 wherein the peptide is synthetic peptide containing and consists of from 5 to 15 amino acids from the N-terminal of the SEQ. ID NO: 2 and produces ~~which produces~~ an antibody which has a binding affinity to nerve growth factors from human body fluids and human origin eukaryotic cells which is higher than a binding affinity exhibited by an antibody produced in immunological response to a nerve growth factor derived from venom.

Claims 15-19 (cancelled)